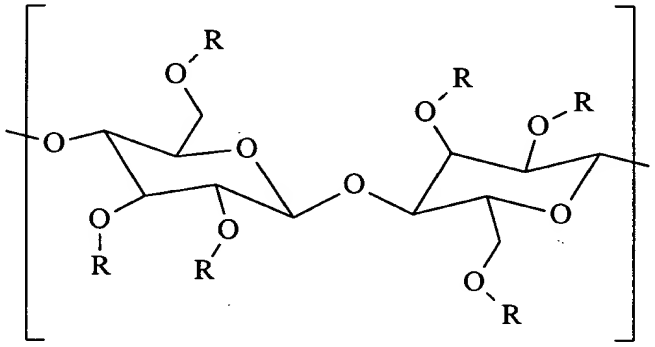
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 (*Cancelled*)

12. (*Currently amended*) A detergent composition or component comprising a particulate ~~according to claim 10 wherein the~~ hydrophobically modified cellulosic material, wherein at least 80% of said particulate material has a particle size of below 1000 microns, said material comprising ~~comprises~~ polymers of the formula



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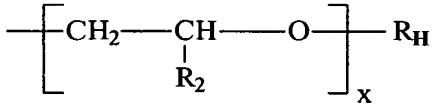
wherein each R is selected from the group consisting of R_2, R_C, and



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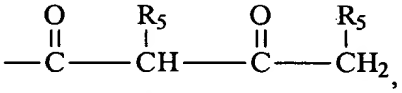
wherein:

- each R_2 is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C_1-C_4 alkyl;
- each R_C is $-(CH_2)y-\overset{O}{\overset{\|}{C}}-OZ$,

wherein each Z is independently selected from the group consisting of M, R_2, R_C, and R_H;

- each R_H is independently selected from the group consisting of C_5 -C_{20} alkyl, C_5-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl, C_7-C_{20} arylalkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, C_1-C_{20} alkoxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, C_7-C_{20} alkylaryloxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, $(R_4)_2$N-alkyl, $(R_4)_2$N-2-hydroxyalkyl, $(R_4)_3$ N-alkyl, $(R_4)_3$ N-2-hydroxyalkyl, C_6-C_{12} aryloxy-2-hydroxyalkyl,



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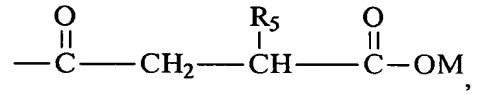

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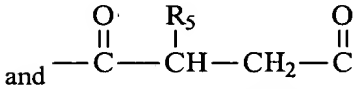
and  ;

- each R_4 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_5-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl, C_7-C_{20} arylalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, piperidinoalkyl, morpholinoalkyl, cycloalkylaminoalkyl and hydroxyalkyl;

- each R_5 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 -C_{20} alkyl, C_5-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl, C_7-C_{20} arylalkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, $(R_4)_2N$-alkyl, and $(R_4)_3$ N-alkyl;

wherein:

M is a suitable cation[[,]] ~~preferably selected from the group consisting of Na, K, 1/2Ca, and 1/2Mg~~;

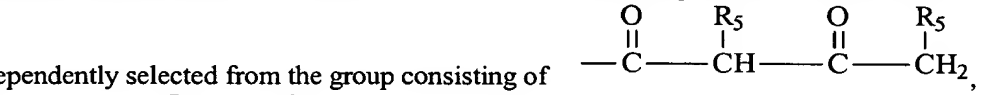
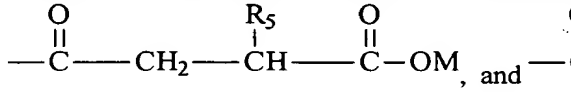
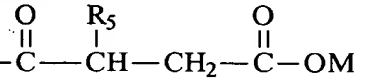
each x is from 0 to about 5;

each y is from about 1 to about 5; and

provided that:

- the Degree of Substitution for group R_H is between about 0.001 and 0.1;
- the Degree of Substitution for group R_C wherein Z is H or M is between about 0.2 and 2.0;
- if any R_H bears a positive charge, it is balanced by a suitable anion; and
- two R_4's on the same nitrogen can together form a ring structure selected from the group consisting of piperidine and morpholine.

13. (*Currently amended*) A composition or component according to claim 12, wherein each R_H is independently selected from the group consisting of C_5 -C_{20} alkyl, C_5-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl, C_7-C_{20} arylalkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, C_1-C_{20} alkoxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, C_7-C_{20} alkylaryloxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, $(R_4)_2N$-alkyl, $(R_4)_2N$-2-hydroxyalkyl, $(R_4)_3$ N-alkyl, $(R_4)_3$ N-2-hydroxyalkyl, ~~and~~ C_6-C_{12} aryloxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, and mixtures thereof.

14. (*Previously presented*) A composition or component according to claim 12, wherein each R_H is independently selected from the group consisting of  ,  , and  .

15. (*Currently amended*) A detergent component or composition according to claim 12 ~~10~~ wherein the hydrophobically modified cellulosic material is present in a pre-formed particle comprising a carrier material and/or a surfactant, and wherein at least 80% of the material has a particle size of below 500 microns.

16. (*Previously presented*) A detergent component or composition according to claim 15 wherein the preformed particle is an agglomerate, comprising one or more carrier materials selected from

the group consisting of inorganic salts, silicates, aluminosilicates and mixtures thereof and an anionic and/or nonionic surfactant.

17. (*Previously presented*) A detergent component or composition according to claim 15, wherein the preformed particle is a spray dried blown powder particle, comprising one or more carrier materials selected from the group consisting of inorganic salts, silicates, aluminosilicates and mixtures thereof and an anionic and/or nonionic surfactant.

18. (*Currently amended*) A detergent component or composition according to claim 12 ~~10~~ wherein the hydrophobically modified cellulosic material is in the form of a dry-add particle.